

Respiratory and Inhalation Specialty Section Newsletter: March 18 2014.

Hello IRSS members.

Many of us are busy getting ready for the upcoming SOT meeting getting posters, talks, agendas and of course our calendars in order. I hear the weather in Phoenix is quite lovely, and like many of you, am ready to feel some sunshine and warm temperatures. Below is a note penned by our technical committee chair Dr Harry Salem who has included some specific details pertaining to the IRSS.

Hopefully we shall see Harry in person at the meeting. Also, please start thinking about sessions for next year. Jake McDonald ([JMcdonal@irri.org](mailto:JMcdonal@irri.org)) our incoming VP will be in charge of the program, so by all means fly your ideas past him by email, or, as and when you see him. We are delighted to announce that Flemming Cassee is our new VP-elect, and while he cannot make the meeting this year we all know that he will do an outstanding job for the Specialty Section. We shall keep the other newly elected officers and awardees a secret until Monday evening's business meeting.

Safe travels. Ian Gilmour

*Greetings from Harry*

*Although I am looking forward to the SOT meeting in Phoenix this year, neither I nor my colleagues at ECBC have yet (as of 3/18/14, 1:30 PM) received authorization to attend. As you recall, last year none of the government employees at ECBC were authorized to attend. Apparently, none of our senior management understands the importance of our scientists to attend these very important meetings. Hopefully, we will receive authorization at the last minute.*

*Nonetheless, I see by the program that our Specialty Section is co-sponsoring 2 symposia, 4 Workshops, 1 Roundtable as well as 2 Continuing Education courses (1 CE basic and 1 CE advanced). These are as follows:*

*A basic course entitled *Inhalation Studies: Challenges and Complexities* and an advanced course *Innovations in Methodologies for Inhalation Exposure and Interpretations of in vivo Toxicity* " on Sunday, March 23, 2013*

*The Symposia we are co-sponsoring are "Carbon Nanotubes are Toxic in Experimental Models: What's Next, Who's Being Exposed and Should We Be Concerned?" On Monday March 24 at 8:15 to 12:00 Noon. The other, entitled "Exploring the Interface between Air Pollution and Metabolic Syndrome: The bittersweet Dilemma" on Wednesday March 26 at 1:30 to 4:15 PM.*

*There are 4 IRSS sponsored Workshop sessions: The first Workshop "New Concerns and New Science Addressing Environmental Asbestos Exposures" is scheduled Monday, March 24, from 9:15 am-12:00 noon. The second Workshop "The Doorway between Exposure and Response: How Biologically-Based Inhalation Dosimetry Models Enhance Human Health Risk Assessment" is scheduled for Tuesday March 25, 9:00 am -11:45. Two Workshops have unfortunately been scheduled for the same time (Thursday March 27 at 9:00 to 11:45 AM). They are entitled "Are Biofuels more or Less Toxic Than Conventional*

*Fuels and What Are the Implications for Human Exposure and Risk?" and the "Role of Circulating Factors in Mediating Systemic Toxicity of Inhaled Substances".*

*A Roundtable session, "Hydraulic Fracturing: Are There Worker Health Issues?" is programmed for Wednesday from 12:00 noon-1:20 pm.*

*On Monday March 24 we will have our Specialty Section Meeting where the Career Achievement Award will be presented. I have the honor of introducing the winner, and I look forward to being there. In addition our Technical Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday Morning 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM in room 230 of the Phoenix Convention Center, with a Surprise Speaker. If I am unable to attend, Dr. Jan Moser from Homeland Security will officiate. Jan is formerly from USMRICD.*

*In addition Phil Wexler is still trying to get some traction going with the Tox History Association and they will meet Monday March 24 at 5:00 to 6:30 in the Maryvale B Room, Sheraton Phoenix Hotel. Phil is also setting up a Tox Showdown program where 3 Tox Teams, Toxic Metabolites, Free Radicals, and Endocrine Disrupters will compete. I have been invited to serve as a judge. Look for this program; it should be fun and informative.*

*Although I am looking forward to this very exciting program and to seeing you all, if it is not authorized, I hope to see you next year.*

*All the Best*

*Harry*